

## First Announcement



### *A national workshop*

February 8 and 9, 2007; Raleigh, NC

## **“Plant breeding: A vital capacity for U.S. national goals”**

<http://www.plantbreedingworkshop.ncsu.edu>

Organized by

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), USDA; and  
The Departments of Crop Science and Horticultural Sciences, North Carolina State University

### **Need for the workshop**

Investment in plant breeding in the U.S. is declining in all sectors. A factual and compelling response is needed. This workshop will establish the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee to meet the need. The Committee will be a permanent forum for long-term strategic leadership for the public and private plant breeding profession and the U.S. national plant breeding effort as a whole.

### **Workshop objectives**

- 1) Develop an initial work plan to respond effectively to current challenges in the discipline; and,
- 2) Establish the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee, including first election of officers.

### **Workshop approach**

The program will analyze the role of plant breeding in achieving popular goals identified by USDA through national listening sessions:

- Excellence in science and technology.
- A competitive agricultural system in the global economy
- Competitiveness, sustainability, & quality of life in rural America
- A safe and secure food and fiber system
- A healthy, well-nourished population
- Harmony between agriculture and the environment

For each goal, presentations and break-out groups will address three questions:

*“What is needed to assemble a factual, compelling case for the importance of plant breeding to this goal?”*

*“What partnerships can plant breeding build with others who are also dedicated to this national goal?”*

*“What is the action plan and strategy for presenting this case to a broad audience?”*

Outputs of the workshop will enable plant breeders to make the value of their work more visible to the non-technical public, leading to positive outcomes for the future of plant breeding.

The Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee is multi-state committee SCC 80, approved by the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors through Sept. 2015. Administrative Advisor is Mark Hussey, Texas A&M University. CSREES/USDA liaison is Ann Marie Thro. For more information about SCC 80, see: [http://lgu.umd.edu/lgu\\_v2/homepages/home.cfm?trackID=7536](http://lgu.umd.edu/lgu_v2/homepages/home.cfm?trackID=7536)

## WORKSHOP AGENDA



**Wednesday, Feb 7**  
Registration 2-6 pm  
Poster set-up 2-6 pm  
Opening reception 5-7 pm

### **Thursday, Feb 8**

7 am Registration and poster set up continue to 8 am

#### 8 am Session I

- Welcome
- Introductory /background presentations
- Presentations on plant breeding and national goals:
  - Excellence in science and technology S. Baenziger and F. Bliss
  - A globally-competitive agricultural system R. Coffman, R. Herdt, W. Niebur
  - A safe and secure food and fiber system J. Holland and T. Isleib
  - A healthy, well-nourished population L. Pollak and P. Simon
  - Harmony between agriculture & environment C. Brummer and S. Jones
  - Competitiveness, sustainability, and quality of life in Rural America W. Tracy, J. Navazio, M. Carena

#### 12 noon Luncheon speaker

Gale Buchanan, USDA Undersecretary for Research, Extension, and Economics

#### 1 pm Session II

- Break-out groups for each national goal discuss:
  - “What is needed to assemble a factual and compelling case for plant breeding within this goal?”*
  - “What partnerships can plant breeding build with others dedicated to this national goal?”*
- Break-out Groups Report to the Plenary Session

Working Dinner / Poster session

### **Friday, Feb 9**

#### 8 am Session III

- Election of officers for SCC 80, the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee
- Break-out groups for each national goal discuss
  - “What is the action plan and strategy for having presenting this case to a broad audience?”*
- Break-out Groups report to the Plenary Session
- Wrap-up presentation: Summary of the workshop M. Goodman
- Adjourn. Lunch on your own

#### 2 pm Session IV

- Preorganized work session of the subcommittee to draft the Meeting Report
- Other participants depart; or, individual prearranged visits to plant breeding activity at North Carolina State University

## Posters

**Volunteer poster presentations are encouraged.**

**Poster abstracts are due October 15, 2006**

Submit poster abstracts electronically to the poster committee chair:  
Linda Wessel-Beaver, University of Puerto Rico, LWesselbeaver@yahoo.com

Due date for poster text and detailed instructions for poster authors will be posted on the meeting web site <http://www.plantbreedingworkshop.ncsu.edu>.

General instructions:

- Posters should present data and other information on the status of plant breeding investment at the presenter's employing entity, including:
  - investment in plant breeding research, education, and/or extension; and in
  - multidisciplinary work related to plant breeding;
  - the entity's policy and the future outlook for plant breeding.
- Multiple authors from the same entity will be asked to collaborate on a single poster.
- Note that full poster texts and tables will be distributed to workshop participants.
- Research posters will NOT be accepted at this workshop.

## Venue

Workshop sessions will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 201 Harrison Oaks Boulevard, Cary, NC, 27513, Tel.: 919/677-1840.

Room rate at the Embassy Suites is \$169.00 per night, including full breakfast. Reservations must be made by January 8 to guarantee this rate. Make reservations directly with the hotel. A block of rooms is being held for nights of February 7 and 8, 2007 under the name "NC Plant Breeding Workshop".

**The organizers will greatly appreciate your early hotel reservation.  
This will help us provide accurate numbers to the hotel and avoid budget overruns.**

More information and directions to the hotel can be found at the hotel web site:  
<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=RDUAPES>

## Who should attend this workshop

Both public- and private-sector plant breeders, at all career stages.  
Multidisciplinary colleagues and others interested in the future of plant breeding.

*Active participants.* Participants will be asked to commit to 1.5 days of concentration and discussion based on their experience and ideas.

*International participants* are welcome. This is a U.S.-oriented committee, but the organizers expect it to be a relevant model for other countries. Information on status and on plant breeding in other countries and international entities is relevant; posters on these subjects are welcome.

**Space is limited to 250 persons.**

## For more information contact:

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# Participant Registration Form

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The organizers will greatly appreciate your early registration before Oct 15, 2006.

This will enable us to budget wisely and avoid cost overruns.

1. Will you be submitting a poster abstract? (deadline Oct. 15, 2006)    ☐ yes    ☐ no
2. Will you be making a reservation at the Embassy Suites Hotel?    ☐ yes    ☐ no

Please book the hotel directly at 1 919 677-1840; ask for the “NC Plant Breeding Workshop” rates.

3. Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$175.00 if received by October 15, 2006  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$225.00 if received after October 15, 2006

Includes: cost of workshop rooms, documents, coffee breaks, lunch and dinner Feb 8.

Make check payable to: North Carolina State University

Mail registration form and check to: Plant Breeding Workshop  
c/o H. Thomas Stalker  
Box 7620, Department of Crop Science  
NC State University,  
Raleigh, NC 27695

Checks must be accompanied by this registration form, which can also be printed from the website:

<http://www.plantbreedingworkshop.ncsu.edu>

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Please Note:

Contact information will be shared among participants as a resource for future collaboration

Last name	
First, middle names	
Position title	
Employer	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City, state	
Postal code	
Country	
Telephone	
Email	